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SUBJECT: CSCE: CYPRUS PROBLEM

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1. IN REFTEL WE REPORTED AN EXCHANGE ON THE CYPRUS
PROBLEM WHICH TOOK PLACE IN COMMITTEE I (SECURITY)
ON JULY 23 AND FORESAW THAT, WITH THE OPENING OF
PEACE TALKS, THIS ISSUE WOULD PROBABLY NOT BE RAISED
AGAIN IN CSCE. UNFORTUNATELY, THE PRESENT SITUATION
LEADS US TO CONCLUDE THAT THE CYPRUS PROBLEM MAY WELL
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COME UP AGAIN IN CSCE, AND WHILE NOT WISHING TO ADD

TO WASHINGTON'S CONCERNS OVER CYPRUS, WE BELIEVE THE DEPARTMENT SHOULD BE AWARE OF THE CIRCUMSTANCES AND POSSIBLE TIMING OF A RE-OPENING OF THIS QUESTION.

2. DURING THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 2-6, CSCE WILL OPERATE AT A REDUCED PACE, WITH MEETINGS ON ENVIRONMENT, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, AND BUDGETARY MATTERS. UNLESS A QUESTION RELATING TO CYPRIOT CREDENTIALS OR PARTICIPATION IS RAISED, THE CYPRUS PROBLEM AS SUCH SHOULD NOT ARISE DURING THAT WEEK. BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 9, HOWEVER, THERE WILL BE AMPLE OPPORTUNITIES FOR INTERESTED DELEGATIONS TO RAISE THE CYPRUS PROBLEM, WITH SCHEDULED MEETINGS OF THE WORKING GROUP ON THE MEDITERRANEAN AND THE SUBCOMMITTEE ON PRINCIPLES GUIDING INTERSTATE RELATIONS, CURRENTLY DRAFTING THE PRINCIPLE OF HUMAN RIGHTS. SEVERAL DELEGATIONS HERE (NOTABLY YUGOSLAVIA, ROMANIA, AND MALTA) HAVE FELT STRONGLY THAT IT WAS FUNDAMENTALLY INAPPROPRIATE FOR CSCE TO CONTINUE DISCUSSION OF INERSTATE PRINCIPLES OR SECURITY WHILE THE SOVEREIGNTY AND SECURITY OF ONE PARTICIPATING STATE WAS BEING SO BLATANTLY VIOLATED. THEIR VIEW WILL UNDOUBTLY BE STRENGTHENED BY THE PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES. SEVERAL OTHER DELEGATIONS (GREECE, TURKEY, SPAIN, USSR, AND OTHERS) HAVE FELT OBLIGED TO STATE THEIR NATIONAL POSITIONS IF THE CYPRUS QUESTION IS RAISED. WE DO NOT YET KNOW HOW RECENT DEVELOPMENTS HAVE INFLUENCED THEIR THINKING. THE CYPRIOT DELEGATIONS ITSELF MADE IT KNOWN PRIOR TO THE RECESS THAT IT WOULD REDUCE ITS PARTICIPATION IN THE CONFERENCE UNTIL THE CYPRUS PROBLEM WAS RESOLVED. WE ARE NOT AWARE OF THEIR CURRENT VIEWS.

3. THE UK AND GENERAL WESTERN POSITION HAS BEEN THAT DISCUSSION OF THE CYPRUS PROBLEM IN CSCE IS TECHNICALLY OUT OF ORDER, AND STATE 159160 INSTRUCTS US TO SUPPORT THIS THEME. HOWEVER THIS ARGUMENT HAS NOT PREVENTED INTERESTED DELEGATIONS FROM RAISING THE PROBLEM, AND WILL CERTAINLY NOT PRECLUDE FURTHER INTERVENTIONS ON THE SUBJECT. A NEW DISCUSSION OF CYPRUS IN CSCE WOULD BE AWKARD, BUT WOULD PROBABLY

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NOT REPEAT NOT HALT THE WORK OF THE CONFERENCE, WHICH PROCEEDS ON A FIXED SCHEDULE. OF COURSE, CSCE COULD NOT COME TO ANY CONSLUSIONS ON CYPRUS BECAUSE OF THE CONSENSUS PROCEDURE, AND AWARENESS OF THIS FACT SHOULD DISCOURAGE ANY INITIATIVES INVOLVING ACTION. NEVERTHELESS, WORK ON SOME CSCE SUBJECTS (E.G. THE MEDITERRANEAN AND PRINCIPLES) COULD SUFFER DELAYS, AND THERE COULD BE SOME PRESS INTEREST IN A CSCE

DEBATE ON THIS PROBLEM.

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